

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2542

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 3, 1984

Application of IRONSIDES MEDICAL )  
TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION to Amend)  
Tariff )

Case No. AP-84-13

By application filed March 15, 1984, Ironsides Medical Transportation Corporation seeks authorization to amend its WMATC Tariff No. 1 to change the rates applicable to services provided for Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. These counties, according to applicant, are reimbursed by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for services Ironsides provides the counties. The state reimburses the counties according to a rate schedule applicable to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program. Ironsides is obligated to charge the rates published in its WMATC Tariff No. 1. The counties are apparently caught in the middle between two incompatible rate schedules. Ironsides here applies to amend the rates it charges the counties to comport with the rates at which the state is willing to reimburse the counties.

Normally a tariff becomes effective 30 days after filing, unless suspended by the Commission. In this case applicant seeks an order of the Commission authorizing the tariff to become effective sooner. See Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 5(e).

The current rates in applicant's tariff are:

One-way: \$20 plus \$1 per mile over 5 miles

Round-trip: \$35 plus \$1 per mile over 5 miles

Waiting time: \$5 per 15 minutes or fraction

Extra attendant:

-- Per tariff: no rate

-- Per application: \$5

Cancellation charges:

-- Per tariff: no rate

-- Per application: 1/2 basic rate for service ordered

The Maryland rates are:

One-way: \$26 plus 75¢ per mile over 20 miles

Round-trip: no rate

Waiting time: no rate

Extra attendant:

-- Per Md. schedule: 1/3 maximum flat rate \*/

-- Per application: \$8

Cancellation charges: 1/2 one-way rate

It is apparent from the analysis above that there are some inconsistencies between applicant's representations of both its tariff and the Maryland rate schedule, and the actual documents themselves.

We are disposed to approve this application and to give applicant an opportunity to secure that approval on less than 30 days notice as requested. However, in order to gain such approval, we shall require applicant to file a new WMATC Tariff No. 4, cancelling WMATC Tariff No. 1, which resolves the inconsistencies noted above and which complies with the requirements of Commission Regulation No. 55.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED:

1. That applicant file its WMATC Tariff No. 4, cancelling WMATC Tariff No. 1, in accordance with the text of this order.

2. That WMATC Tariff No. 4 shall become effective upon the Executive Director's written advice to applicant that it has been approved by the Commission.

3. That in the event WMATC Tariff No. 4 is not filed and approved before April 14, 1984, the proposed rates shall stand suspended as of that date, and the period of suspension shall terminate July 13, 1984, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

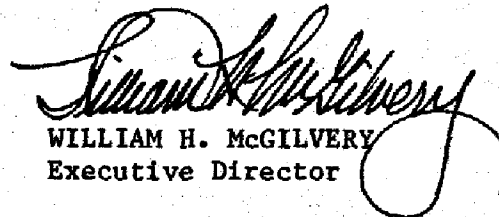
4. That the Executive Director shall serve copies of this order on the Maryland Department of Mental Health and Hygiene, Montgomery County's Family and Special Health Services, and Prince George's County's Department of Health; and no action shall be taken on

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\*/ This would appear to be \$8.67, or 1/3rd of \$26.

this application until these agencies have had 7 days from the date of this order to file written comments with the Commission.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS WORTHY, SCHIFTER, AND SHANNON:

  
WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director